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SUBJECT: KENYAN REACTION TO HOUSE HEARINGS ON DIEGO GARCIA

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1. CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY ON DIEGO GARCIA HAS DRAWN QUICK REACTION FROM KENYAN FORMIN WAIYAKI, WHO IN INTERVIEW APPEARING IN JUNE 8 SUNDAY NATION SAID QTE IF IT IS TRUE AS CLAIMED BY THE AMERICANS (THAT SOVIETS ESTABLISHING A MISSILE BASE IN SOMALIA), THEN THE CALL FOR A ZONE OF PEACE ALONG THE INDIAN OCEAN WILL BE MEANINGLESS. ALTHOUGH SO FAR WE WTILL REGARD IT AS A CLAIM, NATURALLY KENYA AND MANY OTHER FREE STATES WOULD BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING THE TRUTH UNQTE.

2. JUNE 9 EAST AFRICAN STANDARD CARRIES CATEGORICAL DENIAL OF MISSILE BASE REPORT BY SOMALI CHARGE IN NAIROBI, ISMAEL SAID, WHO SAID THAT HIS GOVT. WAS PREPARED TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR JOURNALISTS TO VISIT THE COUNTRY AND SEE FOR THEMSELVES THERE WAS NOTHING LIKE THAT THERE. HE ADDED HE WAS THINKING

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OF MEETING WITH AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IN NAIROBI TO FORMALLY RE-

GISTER DISAPPROVAL OF SUCH MALICIOUS PROPAGANDA. (WE HAVE THUS
FAR NOT BEEN APPROACHED BY SOMALI EMBASSY.) SOVIET CHARGE
HERE, V.E. KASATKIN, DISMISSED REPORT AS QTE WILD SPECULATION
UNQTE.

3. DURING MEETING ON OTHER SUBJECTS JUNE 9, FORMIN WAIYAKI
ASKED CHARGE FOR TEXTS OF LATEST CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY ON
SOVIET BASE IN SOMALIA. WHILE EMBASSY HAS VEST TESTIMONY
(REFTEL), IT WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE RECEIVING THAT OF DEP ASST
SEC OF DEFENSE NOYES ON ASSUMPTION THAT LATTER MAY HAVE GONE
INTO GREATER DETAIL ON SOVIET PRESENCE IN SOMALIA. WOULD ALSO
APPRECIATE ANY OTHER UNCLASSIFIED INFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT
WHICH WE COULD PASS TO WAIYAKI.

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